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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. SOVIETS SEE PLO AS LEVER IN MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT

A JORDANIAN DIPLOMAT TOLD EMBASSY MOSCOW THAT THE SOVIETS APPEAR CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR RELATIONS WITH EGYPT AND MAY BE RELYING INCREASINGLY ON THE PALESTINIANS AS A SOURCE OF INFLUENCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. HE SAID THE SOVIETS ARE UNHAPPY ABOUT THE RAPID MOVEMENT IN US-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS AND DO NOT FEEL FULLY AWARE OF WHAT IS TRANSPIRING IN CAIRO. THE EMBASSY CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT THE SOVIETS SEE THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION (PLO) AS A SOURCE OF INFLUENCE IN A MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT AND MAY BE STRENGTHENING THIS LEVER AS THE GENEVA CONFERENCE APPROACHES. (CONFIDENTIAL) MOSCOW 15589, 12/13.

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2. BHUTTO ON KISSINGER MISSION TO GULF STATES?

CHARGE GRIFFIN IN ABU DHABI WAS SUMMONED TO PARTICIPATE IN TALKS BETWEEN PAKISTANI PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO AND UNITED ARAB EMIRATES PRESIDENT ZAYID DECEMBER 11. BHUTTO (WHO REQUESTED THE CHARGE'S PRESENCE) EMPHASIZED THAT HE AND ZAYID WERE IN AGREEMENT ON THE IMPORTANCE TO BOTH PAKISTAN AND THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES OF MAINTAINING THE BEST POSSIBLE RELATIONS WITH THE US. BOTH LEADERS CONFESSED DIFFICULTY IN UNDERSTANDING WHY THE US HAS SUCH A PROBLEM RECOGNIZING AND SUPPORTING ITS TRUE FRIENDS IN THE AREA. PAKISTANI AMBASSADOR HASSAN SUGGESTED TO THE CHARGE THAT BHUTTO'S VISIT TO THE GULF STATES RESULTED FROM AN UNDERSTANDING REACHED BETWEEN BHUTTO AND SECRETARY KISSINGER THAT THE GOP SHOULD USE ITS INFLUENCE TO STRESS THE NEED FOR MODERATION AMONG ITS ARAB FRIENDS. (CONFIDENTIAL) ABU DHABI 1631, 12/12.

3. DUTCH HEARTENED BY BILATERAL MEETING

FOREIGN OFFICE POLITICAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR GENERAL VAN LYNDEN TOLD CHARGE TANGUY AT THE HAGUE THAT THE DUTCH WERE MOST HEARTENED BY THE SECRETARY'S REITERATION OF US SYMPATHY FOR THE NETHERLANDS' OIL PROBLEM. VAN LYNDEN WAS GRATIFIED BY THE SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH EC NINE FOREIGN MINISTERS AND CREDITED THE SECRETARY WITH HAVING INDUCED FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER JOBERT TO PLAY A MORE CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE. HE INDICATED GENERAL SATISFACTION WITH THE RESULTS OF THE NATO MINISTERIAL, BUT ADMITTED HIS DISAPPOINTMENT THAT THE MEETING HAD NOT ENTIRELY REPAIRED THE INTERNAL STRAINS AND DISAGREEMENTS OCCASIONED BY THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT. (CONFIDENTIAL) THE HAGUE 5489, 12/13.

4. EC COOPERATION AGREEMENTS WITH OIL PRODUCING STATES

USEC BRUSSELS REPORTS THAT THE EC COMMISSION HAS PREPARED A PAPER ON EC COOPERATION WITH THE OIL PRODUCING STATES ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES: GUARANTEES FOR THE SUPPLY OF CRUDE, COMMUNITY INVESTMENT IN THE PETROLEUM AND OTHER INDUSTRIAL SECTORS, CONFIDENTIAL

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THE TRANSFER OF KNOW-HOW, INVESTMENT GUARANTEES, AND COMMUNITY ACCEPTANCE OF REFINED AND OTHER PRODUCTS PRODUCED IN THE COOPERATING COUNTRY. THE SUBJECT IS LIKELY TO BE RAISED AT THE COPENHAGEN SUMMIT MEETING. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) USEC BRUSSELS 7243, 12/13. RUSH

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